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Aurelia Gay Mace 1835-1910

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MACE, AURELIA G.

Born at Strong, Maine, March 6, 1835.
d. March 20, 1910

December 30, 1943

Miss Jennie Mathers, Postmaster
Sabbath Day Lake
Maine

Dear Miss Mathers:

In seeking information about Aurelia Mace, who was well-known in the Shaker community some years ago, we have not been very successful.

Can you tell us, or refer us to someone who can tell us, about this lady? Was she born in Maine? She is now dead, is she not? And when did she die?

Any information which you can give us will be most gratefully received.

Very truly yours

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Sabbathday Lake, Maine
Jan. 8, 1943

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 30th of Dec at hand. I have not had it that long as it was late in being delivered.

Aurelia G. Mace was born in Strong Maine March the 6th. 1835 and came to live among the Shakers when she was very young. In fact a mere baby. She was a teacher in the schools for a number of years and then one of the elders and in her later years was a trustee of the society. She was a great student and loved to read and study. She died March 30th. 1910.

I do not know why you wanted to know about her but I am wondering if there is a copy of the little book "In Memoriam" written soon after her death in the Library. If there is not I have one I shall be glad to send you. It tells a good deal about her. If you want it let me know.

Yours truly

Jennie Mathers,

January 12, 1944

Miss Jennie Mathers
Sabbathday Lake
Maine

Dear Miss Mathers:

Thank you very much for supplying the biographical information about Aurelia G. Mace. The reason for our inquiry is the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of about fifteen hundred volumes written by Maine people. The books are inscribed presentation copies, and form a most interesting and valuable collection.

We have two copies of THE ALETHEIA in the lending section of the library, and nothing by Eldress Aurelia in the Maine Author Collection. We are, therefore, withdrawing one of these copies to place in the collection. We do have, in this same lending section, a copy of the book you mention, IN MEMORIAM; but we do not have another for the Maine Author Collection. If you care to present one for the exhibit, we shall be very glad indeed to have it.

Your inquiry regarding books for young people has been referred to our Bureau of Library Extension, from which you will doubtless have a reply within a few days.

Again thank you for your kindness in sending the biographical information about Aurelia Mace.

Sincerely yours

hmj

Secretary